

My Favorite Art Calendar

Description:

Children will create a calendar featuring famous works of art. In the process, they will discuss different styles of art.

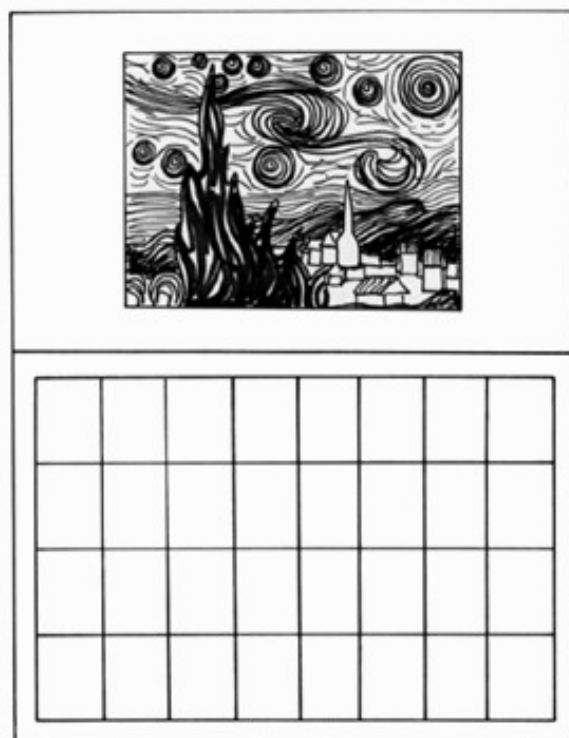
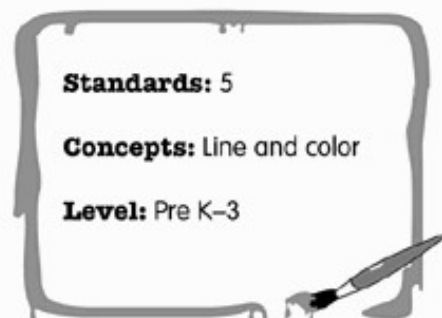
Materials:

Calendar activity sheets, art prints from the Internet or a postcard book, safety scissors, glue, markers, pencils

Standards: 5

Concepts: Line and color

Level: Pre K-3



Procedure:

Make twelve copies of the Calendar activity sheet, one for each month of the year. Visit the Web sites listed under Resources, and show your child the works of artists with different styles. (You can also find art postcards at bookstores and museum shops). Look at the work of twentieth-century artists such as Jackson Pollock, Hans Hofmann, Piet Mondrian, Paul Klee, Pablo Picasso, Vasily Kandinsky, and Henri Matisse. For contrast, look at the work of nineteenth-century artists, such as Eugène Delacroix, Jean François Millet, and Jacques Louis David. Have your child choose some favorite works of art and print them from the Internet. Then have him take the Calendar activity sheets and glue a work of art on each month of the year. As he does so, ask why he chose the works he did. What does he like about them? Help your child fill in the month and date blanks on the calendars, attach the pages, and hang the calendar on the wall.

Extension:

Your child can create paintings in acrylic or tempera that mirror the styles of the art they enjoy. Hang the pictures in the hallway and create an art gallery for your child.

Just for Kids:

Look at different styles of art. Some artists use wild lines and splashes of paint. Other artists change shapes and colors to suit themselves. This is especially true of artists of the twentieth century. Now look at art of the nineteenth century. Do you see the difference? Nineteenth-century artists paint things the way they look. Which style do you like better? Why? What do you think about when you look at modern art? What do you think the artist wants you to feel? Choose your favorite works of art and create a calendar.

Resources:

www.art.com
www.artchive.com
www.barewalls.com
www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint

